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NEA FOR AMBASSADOR LAISE

E. O. 11652: GDS

SUBJECT: STAG KARL DEUTSCH

REF: KATHMANDU 1359 (NOTAL)

BECAUSE OF LENGTHY ABSENCE OF KING BIRENDRA AND HIS CHIEF ADVISORS PAO WAS ONLY ABLE TO MEET WITH CHIRAN THAPA, PALACE CONTACT FOR DEUTSCH PROGRAM, ON APRIL 5, TO FIRM UP PROGRAM. THAPA MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

1. HE CONSIDERS THAT DEUTSCH COMING " ON HIS MAJESTY' S INVITATION" AND THAT HE WILL BE " HMG GUEST." THAPA HAS PROCURED RESERVATION AT SOALTEE OBEROI HOTEL AND ASKED THAT DEUTSCH BE GIVEN VIP TREATMENT.
 2. THAPA SAID THAT A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALACE WOULD MEET DEUTSCH' S PLANE AND FURNISH WITH A CAR AND DRIVER DURING HIS ENTIRE STAY.
 3. THAPA WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER DEUTSCH INTERESTED IN GOING TO OUTLYING REGIONS BEYOND KATHMANDU VALLEY; SPECIFICALLY, HE ASKED IF THERE WOULD BE AN INTEREST IN VISITING POKHARA, 45 MINUTES AWAY BY PLANE. POKHARA, AT FOOT OF ANNAPURNA RANGE, HAS GREAT NATURAL BEAUTY, BUT AT THIS TIME OF YEAR MOUNTAINS FREQUENTLY HAZED OVER. ALTERNATELY, HE SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY OF VISITING THE TERA, THE FLAT AREA ADJACENT TO INDIAN PLAINS, WHERE DEUTSCHS COULD RIDE ELEPHANTS IN JUNGLE GAME PRESERVE TO OBSERVE WILD LIFE. ALTHOUGH THIS IS EXCITING
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TRIP, IT IS BECOMING RATHER HOT FOR THIS SPORT. ANOTHER SUGGESTION IS TRAVEL TO EVEREST AREA, PERHAPS VISITING MONASTERY AT THYANGBOCHE. THAPA IS CONCERNED THAT ALTITUDE MAY BE DIFFICULT PHYSICAL ADJUSTMENT, ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE FOR ONE- DAY TRIP IN SMALL PLANE OR HELICOPTER NO PROBLEM SHOULD ARISE. TRIP COULD ALSO BE TAKEN ON REGULARLY SCHEDULED AVRO TOURIST SIGHTSEEING FLIGHT WHICH TAKES ONLY ONE HOUR. ASSUMING THE MOUNTAINS WOULD BE VISIBLE, BELIEVE A LONGER TRIP WITH LANDING (S) IN EVEREST AREA WOULD BE DESIRABLE. IN ANY CASE, THAPA WANTS TO KNOW IF DEUTSCH DESIRES SUCH A TRIP AND, IF SO, WHAT SPECIFICALLY HE MAY HAVE IN MIND. PART OF THIS QUERY IS DOUBTLESS TO LAY ON AIR TRANSPORTATION IN ADVANCE. PAO BELIEVES THAPA INCLINED TO POKHARA .

4. THAPA SUGGESTED THAT DEUTSCH'S DAY OF ARRIVAL, APRIL 14, BE LEFT FREE FOR EMBASSY BRIEFINGS OR PROGRAMS; ALSO THE KING WANTS NO APPOINTMENTS ON SATURDAYS. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE EMBASSY TURN PROFESSOR AND MRS. DEUTSCH ENTIRELY OVER TO THE PALACE ON APRIL 15, AND PRESUMABLY KING BIRENDRA AND DEUTSCH WOULD MEET FIRST ON THIS DAY. HE BELIEVES THAT APRIL 16 AND 17 ARE GOOD DAYS FOR THE SEMINAR AND LIKED THE PLAN OF BEGINNING AT 5:30 AND CONTINUING TO INCLUDE A DINNER, LEAVING DAY FREE. HE SAID THAT THE TOPIC " THE FUTURE OF WORLD POLITICS" WOULD BE OF THE MOST INTEREST OF ANY OF THE SUBJECTS SUGGESTED, AND APPARENTLY PALACE STAFF WILL ATTEND. HE ALSO THOUGHT IT WOULD BE VERY GOOD TO HAVE PROFESSOR DEUTSCH SPEAK TO THE SENIOR GRADUATE STUDENTS AND FACULTY OF THE POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT, TRIBHUVAN UNIVERSITY, AT A TIME TO BE DETERMINED. THAPA ALSO SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE APRIL 18 AND 19 FREE FOR THE PALACE AND WE PRESUME THAT IT WOULD BE DURING THIS PERIOD THAT AN OUTING BEYOND THE VALLEY WOULD BE ARRANGED, IF DESIRED.

5. AS THAPA SEEMED TO HAVE NOTHING IN MIND FOR APRIL 20, PAO SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO HOST A VERY SMALL DINNER FOR HIS MAJESTY AND PROFESSOR DEUTSCH-- ESPECIALLY SINCE THE IDEA OF BRINGING PROFESSOR DEUTSCH TO NEPAL AROSE AT SUCH A DINNER SOME MONTHS AGO. THAPA SAID HE THOUGHT THIS WAS AN EXCELLENT IDEA.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: PARIS-- PLEASE CONVEY THESE PLANS TO PROFESSOR DEUTSCH AND OBTAIN HIS CONCURRENCE AND HIS IDEAS CONCERNING A TRIP BEYOND KATHMANDU. ALSO, WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HIS SEMINAR
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TOPICS-- STRONGLY RECOMMEND WE USE " THE FUTURE OF WORLD POLITICS"

AS THEME IF HE AGREES. PLEASE INQUIRE WHETHER DEUTSCH HAS VISITED
NEPAL PREVIOUSLY.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON-- FOR AMBASSADOR LAISE. THE PALACE
WOULD APPARENTLY BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE YOU GIVE A SMALL DINNER
FOR KING AND DEUTSCH ON APRIL 20 EVENING. WOULD YOU LIKE TO
SUGGEST GUEST LIST AND HAVE US FORMALLY CLEAR WITH PALACE IN
ADVANCE OF LETTER OF INVITATION. FYI: PROFESSOR KHANAL NOW
LEAVING APRIL 21 FOR WASHINGTON ACCORDING TO THAPA. THAPA
SPECIFICALLY INQUIRED WHETHER AMBASSADOR BUNKER WOULD BE IN
KATHMANDU DURING THIS PERIOD.
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